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21-22 School Year

Dr. Chris McBride – Superintendent
Mrs. Christine Dzarnoski – Principal
Dr. Scott Harrington – Board President



Presentation Overview

- Celebrations
- Updates:
 - Academic Achievement
 - Graduation Rate
 - College and Career Readiness
 - Student Engagement
- NCA Board Update



NCA Celebrations

- Expected 20-21 SY Graduation Rate of at least 84.6%
- Expected 20-21 SY College and Career Readiness Participation Status of approximately 52%
- Over 80% of NCA families are returning for the 21-22 SY
- Over 95% of NCA Staff are returning for the 21-22 SY
- 100+ students participated in summer school this summer.
- Two Olympians and at least one medal winner.



Past Performance

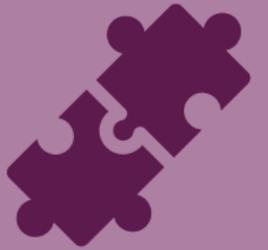
Indicator	Total Points Possible	2019-2020	2020-2021*
Academic Achievement	ACT Reading: 10	ACT Reading: 6	ACT Reading: 7
	ACT Math: 10	ACT Math: 2	ACT Math: 2
	Science: 5	Science: 2	Science: 2
Graduation Rate – 4yr	25	3 (69.9%)	12 (80.3%)
Graduation Rate – 5yr	5	0 (68.9%)	1 (72.7%)
English Language Proficiency	10	N/A	N/A or 1 ?
College & Career Readiness	25	2	5
Student Engagement	10	6	5
Total	100	23.3*	35 (minimum)
Star Rating		1 Star	2 Stars

Performance Framework Targets

Indicator	Total Points Possible	21-22 Minimum Targets
Academic Achievement	ACT Reading: 10	ACT Reading: 7
	ACT Math: 10	ACT Math: 2
	Science: 5	Science: 2
Graduation Rate – 4yr	25	18 or 19
Graduation Rate – 5yr	5	3 (81%)
English Language Proficiency	10	N/A or 1
College & Career Readiness	25	15
Student Engagement	10	6
Total	100	54-55
Star Rating		3 Star

Academic Achievement

- ACT Boot Camps for the 21-22 SY are scheduled to occur quarterly throughout the year. Invites will be extended to all students who have not taken their ACT's.
- MasteryPrep will continue to be utilized for extra support and practice for the upcoming ACT exams.
- Star 360 Benchmark Assessments will be administered during the Fall, Winter and Spring.
- Reading Specialist will be working with students identified as performing in the 10th percentile or below.
- Math Interventionist hired for the 21-22 SY. Will conduct small group lessons, tutoring and support based on student needs.
- Curriculum and instruction will be modified to promote critical thinking skills.
- Grading Framework created and implemented to ensure that all grading is consistent, accurate, meaningful and supportive of student learning.



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Graduation Rate

Expected 20-21 SY Graduation Rate of at least 84.6%

- 285 Graduates!
 - 48 Advanced Diplomas
 - 14 Honors Diplomas
 - 11 Winter Graduates
 - 26 Early Graduates

Virtual ceremony and in person drive through held in Reno and Las Vegas to celebrate these students and their accomplishments.

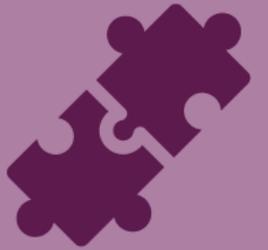


College & Career Readiness

- Continuation of 3 tracks from the 20-21 SY.
 - **Track 1:** AP/Honors
 - **Track 2:** CTE Pathways
 - **Track 3:** Dual Enrollment through TMCC
- Additional course offerings:
 - **Track 1:** 8 in-house AP courses taught by AP certified teachers (all attended AP summer institute)
 - Creation of AP Coordinator role and AP Academy to support high expectations and achievement
 - **Track 2:** Additional CTE Pathway being offered – Hospitality and Tourism
 - **Track 3:** Increase of Dual Enrollment course offerings through TMCC including: Sign Language, Drawing, Art Appreciation, Fundamentals of College Math, Critical Thinking and Reasoning and quite a few more!

Student Engagement

- School Mascot to be voted on by school staff and families!
- Grade Level Academies
 - Assemblies
 - Field trips – Virtual & In person
 - Sense of community & belonging
 - Friendly, fun competitions
- Adjustments made to Academic Probation process
 - Renamed as Academic Support Process
 - 3 different levels based on academic progress and concerns.
 - Student progress reviewed and level of support adjusted every 3 weeks.
- Implementation of Truancy Diversion Program
 - Partnering with the Eighth Judicial District Court to help reduce chronic absenteeism.
 - Supports students and their families to address students' school attendance, behavior and grades.



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Board Update

Collaboration
with NCA
Staff

Continual
monitoring
of metrics
presented
today

Board training
through
National Charter
Schools Institute

NCA Board Training

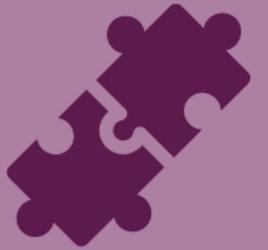
- National Charter Schools Institute
 - Team experience with schools, boards, and authorizers
 - Trusted nationally
- Training Activities
 - Provided/read “Governing for Greatness” and companion workbook (2018) Brian Carpenter & Jim Goenner
 - Attended three all-board member trainings (9-13 persons)
 - Recurring coaching sessions with Dr. Harrington and Morgan Jackson
 - Ongoing review of academic and financial data

<https://nationalcharterschools.org/>



Board Training Outcomes

- Board members understand their roles & responsibilities vs. those of the Superintendent & Principal.
- Board members understand the Nevada Performance Framework and direct relationship between points needed, percentages earned, and interim data.
- Development of three subcommittees with board and NCA staff participation:
 - Financial
 - Academic
 - Governance
- Clarity in asking the *right* questions
- Policy changes in finance and governance
- More to come....



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